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Good sports Pétanque, korfbal, fin swimming... all taken seriously at the World Games

Portfolio The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was shared by two winners yesterday

YTS value questioned by report Doubts about the effectiveness of the £800 million Youth Training Scheme were raised yesterday

UVF arrest David Allen, of the Ulster volunteer force, who was serving a 25-year sentence yesterday

Terrorist code US lawyers, newspaper publishers and television executives are to discuss drawing up a voluntary code to starve terrorists of publicity

Rapid French France will introduce a 50 mph minimum speed limit in motorway fast lanes and has increased traffic fines to cut its mounting road toll

Insurance up Household insurance costs in inner cities will soar this year because of a rising tide of thefts and burglaries

Reagan angry President Reagan has been angered by "distasteful" press and television speculation about his health by doctors unconnected with his operation

Lords recess The Lords will rise for the summer recess on Wednesday, July 31, and will return on Monday, October 14

Cautious Cram Steve Cram, new world record holder for 1,500 metres, will not meet Sebastian Coe over that distance tonight at Crystal Palace

Open record Christy O'Connor jnr of Ireland, set a course record for an Open golf championship at Sandwich when he took the first-round lead with a 64

Leader, page 13 Letters: On cutting controls, from Mr J. Cummins, and Mr G. Turvey; industrial training, from Mr H. N. Raine

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Top Civil Servants get up to 46% pay rise

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Whitehall's two dozen top Civil Servants are to be given pay rises of between 32 per cent and 46 per cent from next March as part of a pay package announced by the Prime Minister last night

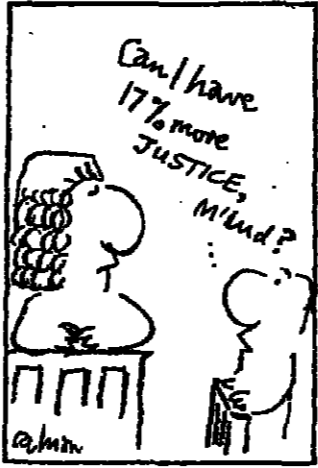
In a considered Cabinet response to the latest report from the Review Body on Top Salaries, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a written Commons reply that a staged award for senior Civil Servants, senior officers in the Armed Forces and the judiciary would add between 12.2 per cent and 17.6 per cent to Treasury pay bills from next March

Table with 5 columns: Post, Current since Nov '84, July '85, Mar '86, % increase. Rows include Head of Civil Service, Permanent Secretaries, Under-Secs, Staff Nurse.

John Fieldhouse, Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet during the Falklands campaign, increases from £45,500 to £63,125 when he becomes Admiral of the Fleet in November and from next March he will receive £75,000 - an increase of 65 per cent in nine months

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, delivered a swift and sharp warning to the Prime Minister that if a Commons statement is not forthcoming today over this "economic illiteracy" they will consider other ways to express their disapproval

The report suggested that men like Sir Robert could earn as much as £110,200 in the private sector, but that service morale was "at an exceptionally low ebb"



Olympic rivals keep their distance

Episode two of the saga that seems to run and run began yesterday, when Zola Budd (left) and Mary Slaney (née Decker) spoke at separate press conferences about tomorrow's re-run of their infamous Olympic 3,000 metres race in Los Angeles last year

We have changed face of politics, says Thatcher

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister told Conservative back-benchers last night that the Government and party had changed the political landscape

When she used an unguarded phrase describing elements in the coal mines as "the enemy within", yesterday she harked back to last year, recalling that the miners' strike was then four months old and a strike in progress, with Sterling falling

US growth slumps to 1.7%

By David Smith

America's economic growth rate fell sharply in the second quarter, according to figures published yesterday

Congress threatens Japanese trade

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In an ominous indication of the United States' increasingly angry determination to force fairer trade practices on Japan, leading Democrats have introduced a Bill threatening Japan and three other nations with stiff trade penalties unless they open up their markets immediately

The long-threatened Bill, submitted to the Senate on Tuesday and introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday, calls on Japan, Brazil, Taiwan and South Korea to cut trade surpluses with the US by 5 per cent at once or face a 25 per cent extra tariff on all exports here beginning on October 15 next year

The Reagan Administration, which is trying to cajole the Japanese to buy more foreign goods without resorting to sanctions, has denounced the Bill as protectionist and threatened to veto it

But there is such widespread support for retaliation against Japan that Congress would probably have enough votes to override even a presidential veto

The Administration's fear is that the Bill will fan growing anti-Japanese sentiment which blames Japanese imports for the loss of US jobs in electronics, motor and consumer industries

Shake-up of Soviet military

From a Correspondent Moscow

Big changes within the Soviet military hierarchy appeared to be under way after the return to Moscow of two senior officers from East Germany and a spate of rumours that Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, thought to have fallen from favour, may be about to make a comeback

Last weekend, the official East German news agency ADN announced that General Mikhail Zaitsev, the commander of Soviet troops in East Germany, was leaving along with General Alexei Lizichev, a senior member of his staff there

Yesterday, East European sources here said General Lizichev, aged 57, had been appointed to head the powerful Political Directorate of the armed forces, replacing General Alexei Yepishchev, aged 77

So far, however, the Kremlin has made no announcement

Meanwhile, there have been unconfirmed reports that Marshal Ogarkov, removed as Chief of Staff last September, had been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Warsaw Pact forces, a post which would also restore him to the position of Deputy Soviet Defence Minister

Marshal Ogarkov's dismissal was attributed last September to a wide variety of possibilities, including his role in the shooting down of the South Korean Boeing 747 in 1983



General Zaitsev, recalled from East Germany

Minister angry as soccer riot clubs escape penalty

Mr Neil Macfarlane, the Minister for Sport, yesterday described as absurd and astounding the decision of the Football Association's appeals board to rescind penalties imposed on the Millwall and Luton Town clubs after the rioting at the match at Luton on March 13 (Our Political Editor writes)

The Board said yesterday it had lifted a £7,500 fine imposed by the FA's disciplinary commission on Millwall, whose fans were held by police to have been almost wholly responsible

After eight years of silence, Leon Uris makes his long-awaited return to the land of EXODUS



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Five months on the trail of a uranium contract

someone who was willing to sell them 18.7 kilos of enriched uranium for a kilo of plutonium for a price of \$73 million

From Diana Geddes Paris

A French freelance journalist and a former arms dealer claim to have succeeded in signing a contract last month in London to buy sufficient plutonium and enriched uranium to make an atom bomb big enough to kill up to 100,000 people and to expose hundreds of thousands of others to radiation

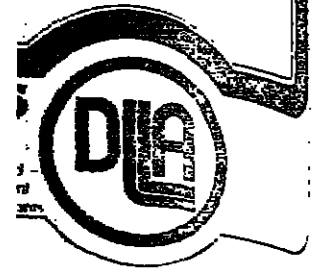
Under a headline "I Bought the Atomic Bomb" in the current issue of VSD, one of France's biggest-selling general interest magazines, Patrick Berthou, aged 33, describes how he and a 40-year-old former arms dealer, given the pseudonym of Sten Ericsson, managed after a five-month investigation to track down

there must be a black market where these materials were being resold

After several false starts, his inquiries finally led him and Sten Ericsson to a Swiss banker in Geneva who put them in touch with a German in London (rendezvous at the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel), who said he could provide them with the enriched uranium and the plutonium they required

The actual seller remained anonymous throughout, the transaction being completed through the intermediary of the Pacific Chartered Bank, registered in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific

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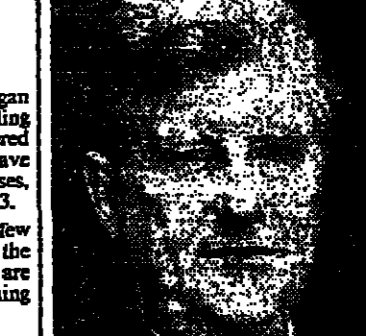
SOCIAL SECURITY Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, denied that the Government had tried to conceal figures for what were described as gainers and losers in the social security review plans by Mr Ray Hattersley, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, during question time in the Commons.

Reform of wages councils defended

PM'S QUESTIONS Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, defended in the Commons the proposal to abolish minimum pay rates set by wages councils for those under 21.

Pig farmers must bear cost of disease

ANIMAL HEALTH Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, remained firm in his determination not to contribute to compensation to producers of pigs slaughtered under the Aujeszky's Disease Eradication Scheme, in spite of pressure from both sides of the House.



Geoffrey Smith

Two opinion polls yesterday put Labour in the lead, with the Conservatives in third place. One was conducted by Gallup and published in the Daily Telegraph; the other by Marplan was in The Guardian.

1.8% cereals price cut takes effect

AGRICULTURE The European Commission's abatement of 1.8 per cent in the price of cereals following the failure of the EEC Council of Agriculture Ministers to reach agreement on cereal prices again, would be applied in Britain tomorrow.

Edinburgh forced to cut rate burden

SCOTLAND Edinburgh's planned expenditure was excessive and unreasonable, the consequences for ratepayers were serious and the matter should be referred to the House of Commons.

Wave power research being wound down

ENERGY Research work costing £12 million over a number of years had convinced the Government there was no possibility of cost effective energy being produced by wave power in the United Kingdom.

Ransom policies

Mrs Thatcher indicated in the Commons that she agreed with Mr John Hume (Foye, SDLP) that the existence of insurance policies for paying ransoms was conducive to kidnapping and could encourage the kidnapper in his terrible work.

UK must step up its exports to China

TRADE The Government should fight hard against a ban by COCOM (the coordinating committee on East-West trade) on export of products of no military significance to China.

More tax cuts needed

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions that tax cuts remain a Government priority.

Shortcomings of Labour policies

But if it is to win the next general election it will have to convince the country that it could form a credible government. Indeed, I suspect that one of the principal issues in that campaign will be whether Labour would be worth the risk.

Busy week before MPs start recess

NEXT WEEK The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday: Social Security Bill, Interception of Communications Bill, and Sporting Events (Control and Alcohol) Bill.

Aspersions cast on officials

BANKING Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, was asked during business questions when the Prime Minister or her Cabinet Secretary (Sir Robert Armstrong) had been warned from circles related to bullion and gold markets that there was possible fraud in relation to Johnson Matthey.

Home ownership

The number of people having difficulty in meeting their mortgage payments was still under 1 per cent. Mrs Thatcher said when the issue of repossession of homes was raised during question time.

Racial harassment

Mrs Thatcher condemned both racial harassment and those who jumped to conclusions at the invitation during question time of Mr Neil Thorne (Ilford South, C) in whose constituency an Asian woman, Mrs Shamira Kassam, and her three children died in a fire at their home in Ilford last Saturday.

Peers' holiday

The House of Lords will rise for the summer recess on Wednesday, July 31, when it will sit at 11 am, and return on Monday, October 14, a week before the Commons.

Telegraph hoaxed over purge of school books

The Daily Telegraph was hoaxed on April 9, 1985, into reporting a purge of racist and fascist books from the library of a Roman Catholic primary school in North Kensington, London, the Press Council said today.

Plan to help pupils who fear school

A mother whose son suffers from "school phobia" is setting up an association to help other children who are in fear of the classroom.

'Dangerous' trend in Whitehall security

The Government's approach to security in the Civil Service was described by the National Council for Civil Liberties yesterday as "illiberal" and "dangerous" in its civil rights implications.

Rights of trade union members

But on defence I do not think Sir Geoffrey was exaggerating when he said that the dramatic unilateral action threatened by Labour "could call into question the survival of the Alliance itself".

BR breaks London to Cardiff record

British Rail broke the 101-minute record between London and Cardiff with an 80½-minute run yesterday.

Llewellyn charge

Dai Llewellyn, aged 39, a company director of Paradise Walk, Chelsea, south-west London, was remanded on bail to October 1 by Clerkenwell magistrates yesterday after pleading not guilty when charged with a drink-driving offence.



Suzanne Gent, aged nine, showing her winning entry in a safety in the home poster competition. She won £150 for her school, St Vincent's, Westminster, and £25 for herself. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Christian values needed to aid economic growth

Economic growth is a necessary condition for tackling injustice and deprivation in society, according to a report published yesterday by a group of Anglican clergymen.

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Sudan rebels cut air links and tighten grip on south's capital

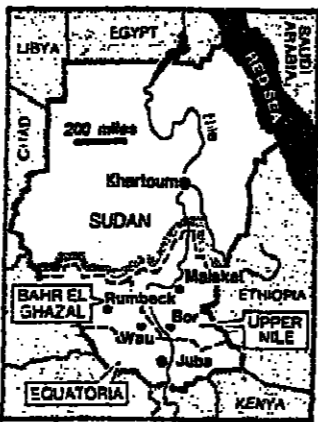
From Paul Vallely, Khartoum

All flights into Juba, capital of the southern provinces of Sudan, have been suspended after rebels shot at two aircraft about to land at the international airport there. As a result the city, which has been without road, rail and river links for more than six months, is entirely isolated from the rest of the country.

The ban on flights has been made by the Sudanese Pilots' Union after the first attempt by the secessionist Sudanese Peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) to carry out its threat to consider even civilian aircraft legitimate military targets. This week a light plane had one of its engines shot away and a Transarabian Boeing 707 had its fuselage raked by machine-gun fire.

The isolation of Juba marks a new stage in the disintegration of the rule of law in the three southern provinces which are plagued by escalating tribal skirmishes, as well as clashes between the Sudanese Army and the rebels, who now surround most of the Government garrisons in the south.

The Boeing 707 is understood to have been chartered by the Sudanese Army to fly down troops forming part of a 4,000-man relief column for the garrison at Bor which the



SPLA claims to be on the point of taking...

Towns like Wau, Malakal and Rumbek have been under siege for almost six months. Recent reports from Rumbek indicate the efficacy of the rebel stronghold on the towns.

In Rumbek the hospital is without drugs, all shops are closed and the market places are empty. Many houses are deserted. The closure of a Verona Sisters' leper colony, after the missionaries pulled out because of the fighting, has left the streets full of lepers. Malnutrition has increased by 300 per cent, according to expatriate doctors. All food, which is controlled by the army garrison, is now four times the normal price.

The road round the town is mined and plans by the United States charities, Catholic Relief Services and World Vision to run in a convoy with \$500,000 worth of food have been abandoned.

Such plans have been coming under increasing criticism from the rebel leader, Colonel John Garang, who regards them as a battering ram designed to break the sieges, using the international agencies "to do what the Sudanese Army has proved unable to do".

In any case, reports indicate that the loyalty of the Sudanese armed forces cannot be taken for granted. SPLA radio regularly boasts of defections from the government forces to its own ranks. The last expatriates to leave Wau when the United Nations closed down its operation there reported that the entire police force in the town had joined the SPLA.

The army is now resorting to arming certain southern tribes in an attempt to contain the rebels. This week thousands of Madi tribesmen from the Ugandan border are said to have been given weapons to fight the SPLA, despite the questionable success of a similar move earlier in the year. Then the Government armed the Mundari tribe, the traditional enemies of the Dinka people from whom the



The Sudanese leader, General Abdul-Rahman Swar al-Dahab (left), greets Colonel Mengistu of Ethiopia before the two men began private talks yesterday at the OAU meeting.

SPLA draws most of its support.

In fact, the Mundari lost the battle and have migrated en masse with their 200,000 head of cattle to Juba. Now the people of Juba, the Bari, are demanding that they too be armed to ward off the Mundari.

The increased number of weapons about means that cattle raids in the south have now escalated into cattle wars.

The fighting is on a sufficient scale to have prevented planting in many areas of the south. This comes on top of little rain and a bad harvest last year which have produced pockets of starvation. But perhaps the greatest threat to the region comes from an outbreak of rinderpest, the most devastating of all cattle diseases.

There are more than five million cattle in the area and the disease could kill 80 per cent of them. There is little the Government representatives in Juba can do about this, they have no money, not even to pay their employees, no fuel and there is even a shortage of paper. The south is bisected by the Nile, the second largest river in the world where the potential for hydroelectric power and clean water schemes is considerable. Beneath the ground

is what is thought to be the biggest oil reserve in Africa. Chevron, which invested \$90 million in developing the field, estimates a possible output of 50,000 barrels a day producing an annual income of \$250 million a year.

Yet in Juba hospital there is no water and no power. Those who require an injection are expected to bring their own needle and syringe.

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Mengistu denounces 'selfish' bankers

Addis Ababa, (AP, Reuter) - The Organization of African Unity opened its 21st summit yesterday with a speech by the Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu, denouncing international banking institutions as "weapons of pressure and intervention".

The summit, scheduled to continue until tomorrow, is the first of the 51-nation OAU to be devoted to Africa's economic problem. Previous summits have focused on political issues.

Colonel Mengistu, a Marxist, said developed countries "have sadly enough, become oblivious to their international objectives and missions, thereby pursuing their selfish policies."

"These institutions have been reduced to covert weapons of pressure and intervention to infringe on the sovereignty of states," he said. "Their prescriptions are false remedies..." Colonel Mengistu said Africans must insist that foreign creditors reduce Africa's debt, which is expected to exceed \$170 billion by the end of the year. He also suggested the rescheduling of loan repayment periods.

Delegates are expected to adopt the Addis Ababa declaration, which calls on governments to revise their agriculture policies because food output over the past five years has grown by only 1.7 per cent against average population growth of 2.8 per cent.

EEC builds bridge to beat the rains

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The EEC is setting up "immediately" a road bridge to transport desperately needed food into western Sudan to make up for supplies lost since the vital rail link between Port Sudan and the famine areas was washed away in nine places.

British and Dutch engineers are believed to have succeeded in repairing the line, which has been the only way of carrying into the interior the large stocks of food now waiting at Port Sudan. But, according to information being sent through to Brussels, there is a real danger the rains will undermine the track again.

So the road bridge, initially to transport 6,000 tonnes of sorghum, is being set up and the

European Commission is paying for new lorries to be sent out from EEC countries - Britain, West Germany, Belgium and Denmark - are now ferrying 5,000 tonnes a month to the famine area. Italy is to send another aircraft at the end of this month and the United States is expected to send in five more. This would make it possible to bring in more than 10,000 tonnes a month.

But about 400 tonnes are needed each day to keep a million people alive and the road and rail links are essential. The US is sending 10 locomotives to help ensure that breakdowns on the train services are kept to a minimum

Eureka project gets 17-nation send-off

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Eureka, the European advanced technology co-operation programme, was officially launched early yesterday by ministers of 17 European nations meeting in Paris.

In a final joint communiqué, issued a little after 1am, the 17 members of the EEC together with Spain and Portugal, plus Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Austria and Norway, announced "firm support" for Eureka, still loosely defined as "a selection of civil projects chosen in various fields of high technology" and agreed to set up a working group to prepare a second interministerial meeting on Eureka before November 15. Germany has agreed to the next meeting.

Although no detailed decisions were taken as to the future structure and definition of Eureka, most participants felt that it had been an extremely good and worthwhile meeting with a lot of imaginative and interesting ideas, thrown up during the 10-minute exposés given by each of the 17 participants, but without sufficient time to co-ordinate those ideas.

The British proposals for a market-led approach, with projects concentrating on commercial exploitation of scientific

and technological research rather than on the research itself, were well received. Remembering Britain's initial cool response to Eureka, when it was still seen as a mere French counter-initiative to the American Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), some participants were surprised by what they now considered a positive, well thought out, "very European" contribution by Britain.

The meeting agreed that the present Eureka secretariat, headed by M Claude Arnaud, former French Ambassador to Moscow, should continue its work in preparation for the next Eureka meeting, working in close liaison with the host country, West Germany, the current president of the European Council, Luxembourg, and the European Commission.

A group of high-ranking officials of each of the 17 participating nations is also "to contribute to the preparation" of the meeting.

Each participant has been asked to make every effort "to encourage and promote the elaboration of concrete projects by industry and research institutes of different countries as well as devising suitable methods of funding".

Europeans fail to reach Star Wars agreement

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Senior officials from the seven Western European Union (WEU) countries have failed to agree a response to President Reagan's Star Wars programme. Sources deny that another row between Britain and France lay behind the failure at a meeting in London this week.

The governments of Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux states, which have revived the moribund WEU, have given officials the job of co-ordinating reaction to Washington's intention to participate in Star Wars research. Britain wants to reply

positively; the French want to say "Non".

Sources say the split is over French insistence that the seven co-ordinate policy on the Strategic Defence Initiative as a whole - not just on the research

DEFENCE TALKS: The British and American defence secretaries will meet in Washington, probably next Monday, to clarify the basis on which British organizations may participate in Star Wars research (Rodney Cowton writes).

During the last few weeks Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, and ministry officials have consulted industry and research establishments and now have a fairly clear idea of Britain's potential contribution.

Mr Heseltine will seek clarification from Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, on whether British firms would be sub-contractors or be awarded prime contracts. Whether America would waive constraints which limit foreign involvement in defence programmes; to what extent there will be a two-way flow of technical information; and what limitations will be put on commercial exploitation



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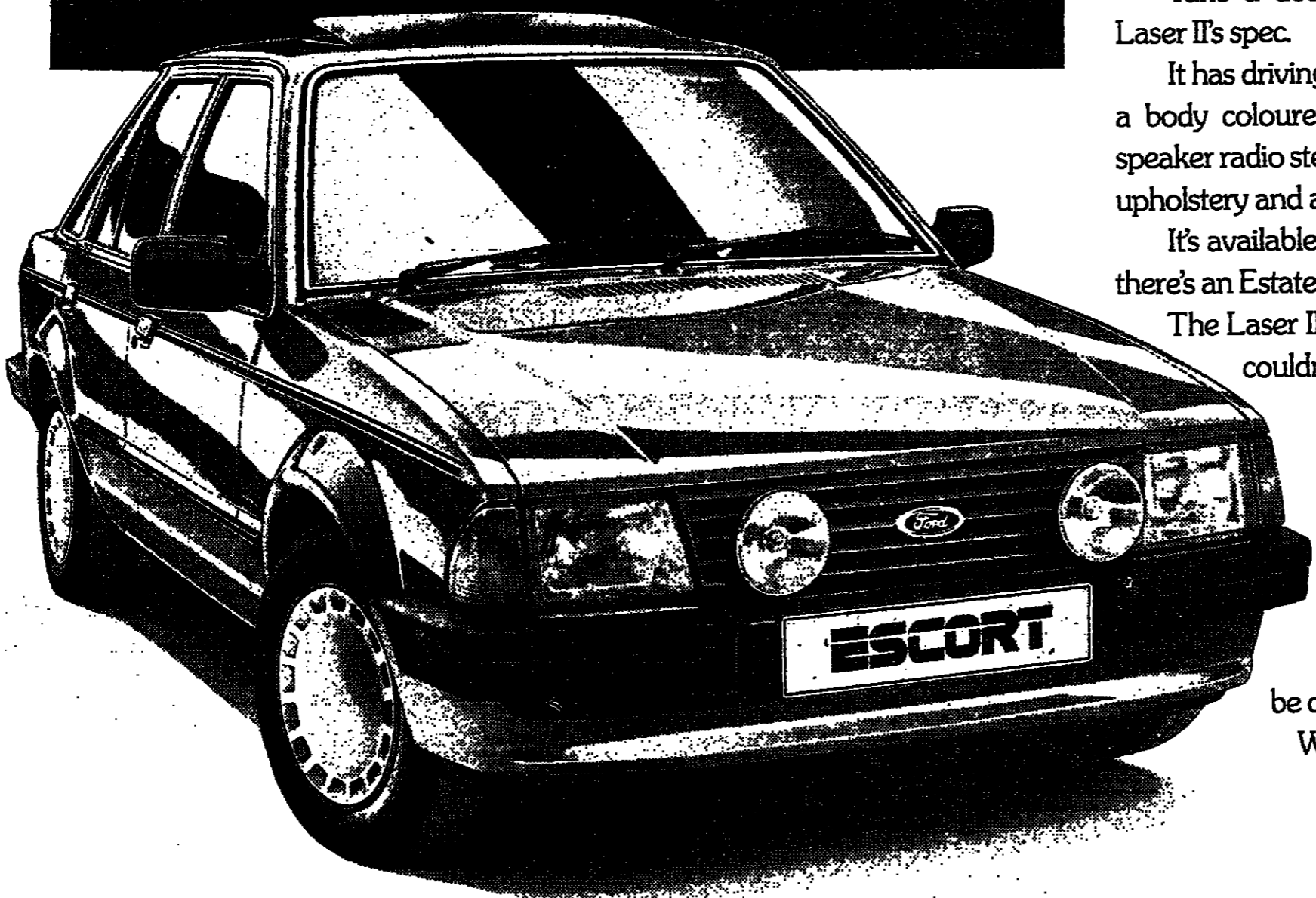
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†Ford computed figures.



Ex-Caicos leader admits he took cash
Miami (Reuters) - Mr. Saunders, aged 41, former chief minister of the Turks and Caicos Islands, yesterday admitted accepting \$50,000 (£33,700) from US agents posing as drug smugglers, but denied ever having intended to carry through the deal.
Mr Saunders, who was taking the witness stand for the first time, said he played along with the smugglers in the hope of financial benefit for his impoverished island chain, 375 miles north-east of Miami.
He said he never intended to allow the smugglers to ship tonnes of cocaine through the British territory, of 8,000 people.
11 life terms for Mafia boss
Palermo, Italy (AFP) - Giuseppe Piromalli, a leader of the Calabrian Mafia, was given 11 life sentences for his part in murders in a trial here of 10 members of the local underworld which logged a total of 11 centuries in prison terms.
It took police nine years to hunt down Don Peppino Piromalli. When he was arrested at his home in February 1984, he allegedly told them: 'Don't touch me. You are arresting a saint.'
Church escapes on technicality
Portland, Oregon (AP) - A court order requiring the Church of Scientology to pay \$39 million (£25 million) to its disappointed converts was nullified here on technical grounds.
Miss Judith Titchbourne had accused the church of promising she would become more intelligent and her spirit would improve if she joined the movement.
Terror sentence
Frankfurt, Germany - A woman who worked for the US Army in West Germany was jailed for eight and a half years for helping to plan bomb attacks on American bases and arm depots. Gerd Durr, a member of the Red Army Faction, was arrested in March 1983.
Charge dropped
Rod Stewart, the British rock star, will not have to face a drink-driving charge in Los Angeles after the local prosecutor's office announced he would not proceed with following an earlier conviction.
Great Wall gift
Russians out
Soviet apology
Town cut off
Iberia inquiry
Baghdad flights
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Paris posting

Forte on the warpath

Lord Forte has more than 800 hotels to his name - but one, the Savoy, has eluded him. Does he covet it merely out of personal ambition, as his rivals are now claiming? Pearson Phillips met the veteran fighter on his home ground...



Roaring Forte: no holds barred in the takeover battle

It was when Lord Forte produced a letter from one of his rival hotel groups' chambermaids that I realized he was mobilized for all-out war. We sat round a table at the informal conversational end of his large office overlooking Park Lane on the first floor of Grosvenor House. He is 76 and five foot four, but he has a way of making his younger, taller colleagues and associates seem like pale, small men. He is a walking caricature of himself, small, neat body topped by large, foreboding head. When I mentioned that I thought he said he had retired everybody present chuckled. His 40-year-old son Rocco, educated at Oxford University and the Harvard Business School, now officially "leading the team", must have been leading it from somewhere else. For four years he has attempted to swallow up the Savoy Hotel Group, which includes Claridges, the Connaught, the Berkeley and a stately Parisian monument called the Lancaster. His own stock of hotels, run by his Trusthouse Forte empire in all corners of the globe, came to \$0.8 at last count. But he wants those big London names. It appears that almost anything goes in the battle to get them. "The Letter" is a case in point. His secretary was summoned. "Miss Chalmers, you remember that letter from the chambermaid in the Berkeley about their sheets? Find it for me."

'Exerting control does not mean you need lose quality'

"No, it isn't my personal ambition to own those hotels. We have plenty already. In the Grosvenor House here we have what I believe is the finest hotel in London. It is earning more profit this year than all the Savoy Group hotels put together. But what I do want is to see them rehabilitated, properly maintained, flourishing as they should."

"The Savoy needs something like £10 million spending on it to get it back into its pristine state. All that lot can do is sell off property in order to keep afloat. Miss Chalmers... get me the list of properties that the Savoy Group has sold since 1981." His public relations consultants have given him their advice. He should play down the milk bar angle and the string of 220 Little Chefs. He should emphasize the fact that he is already running successful luxury hotels. But of course, his real problem is not the milk bar issue. It is his highly profitable chain of hotels managed on strictly controlled lines. There is a feeling that big groups maximising profits can turn living hotels into soulless catering machines, however much money they may spend on the carpets and the wallpaper, and however many awards they get from *Caterer and Hotelkeeper* magazine. That certain "je ne sais quoi" which patrons of the Savoy and Claridges expect can fly out of the window. What can he do to dispel that suspicion? "I would suggest that people should look at some of the top hotels in our group. Why did Chirac give me a medal for what we have done to our Paris hotels since we took them over? When we first bought them the staff went on strike and marched through the streets. Terrible coaches will come here full of tourists... terrible British company." But look at them

now, the George V, the Plaza Athénée, or the Tremolite. Full of life and people. And then go and look at the Savoy's Paris hotel, the Lancaster. "Why did the King of Spain give me a gold medal for what we have done for the Ritz in Madrid? It was falling to pieces when we took it over. It had an occupancy rate of 42 per cent. Now it has gone up to 60 per cent. And the joke is that we have a letter in our possession from a Savoy manager writing to the general manager of the Ritz regretting that it was about to fall into the hands of an international chain, or some such phrase. Can you bring the Ritz letter, Miss Chalmers?" "Why do people keep writing to me saying how much they enjoyed staying in our Hyde Park Hotel or here in the Grosvenor House? Why was the Grosvenor given five stars when the Savoy only got four?" Is it then possible to run a really great hotel in the top luxury class and still make a profit? "We are doing it. Just because you exert control doesn't mean that you need to lose quality. Control in the kitchen means cutting out waste, not stinting the guest in the dining room. We know all the profits we should be getting from menus and bars. We know the percentages of wages to turnover we should be getting. If we are not achieving the

'I came to London with £400 and a loan for £2,000'

figures, something must be wrong. We put it right. It's easy. "Take a side of smoked salmon. The way you cut it means the difference between making 10 per cent on your gross and 60 per cent. You can get either 20 portions out of it or 60. But the amazing thing is that the 60 portions will taste better, because they are fine and thinly sliced. I can't eat smoked salmon that isn't thinly sliced. The difference is skill. That is how we train and pick our people. They have to be dedicated, cheerful, welcoming and skilled. I don't want managers who arrive in time to eat their lunch, pick up their laundry and go home. "Yes, and do you know part of the reason for that? They took a manager from us, and he, in turn, has taken on another six of our people. He was an ambitious man, although I can't really approve of him having left us for the other side in the middle of our battle. But isn't it a funny thing? This great Savoy, this wonderful supernatural hotel, recruits staff from us, the portion control maniacs who aren't fit to run a hotel of top quality..."

Lord Forte has, of course, endured battles like this before and won. For a while he was at loggerheads with the Trust House chairman, Lord Crossley, who inspired Allied Breweries to make a bid for the whole company. He defended that attack by using his own cash and any money he could borrow. The nitty-gritty of the cost of chairman's perks and other murky details were thrown into the public gaze on that occasion. His "gloves off" tactics do not appear to have changed. "I think we could probably save £1,500,000 by getting rid of all the accommodation and services that the board of the Savoy seem to enjoy. We would run the whole thing with one of our area managers. I don't have a flat in the Grosvenor House. I live at home. I've got a nice house, paid for with my own money. And I get my laundry done at home. It's quite good. "Heaven knows what they say about me over there. But I can imagine. After all, I've got 70 per cent of their shareholding. Sooner or later this company will get the rest. I feel genuinely sorry for that man. He is six foot to my five foot four. And yet he is the one in the shadows. "And do you know, his hotel is actually falling down? Apparently a bit of ceiling fell down the other day, Miss Chalmers. Bring in the note about the Savoy ceiling falling down..."

'I tried to keep things on a fairly dignified footing'

"A few days later I got a letter from one of his chambermaids in the Berkeley saying that she had been rather surprised to hear all this, because she had been complaining for years about the state of their sheets, that they were invariably full of holes and she could never persuade the management to give her enough new ones. Ah, thank you Miss Chalmers, there it is..." And there it was. A treacherous missive from below stairs, backward sloping writing on lined paper. "Some day I'm going to publish that. And we have a few other interesting things in the files, as well." In the course of our talk Miss Chalmers was periodically summoned to produce further bombshells. Hostilities began back in 1981 with a Forte frontal attack. It was repulsed. Thanks to a

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Last night in sight for the man behind the Proms

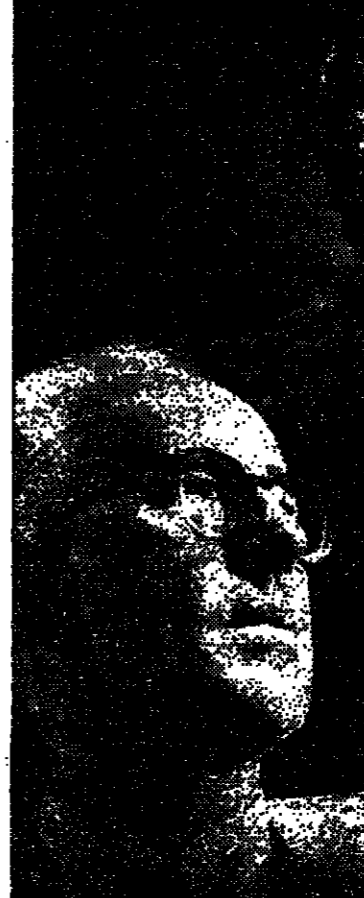
Tonight the 91st season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts starts at the Albert Hall. About an hour before, an exceptionally tall, silver-haired man in dinner-dress will enter by a side door after exchanging words with some of the queuing Promenaders. A few regulars may recognize him as Robert Ponsonby, the BBC's Controller, Music, and thus the man responsible for the corporation's standards of serious music, its orchestras and, in particular, the Proms. But to most his name and face are unfamiliar. Once inside, the story is different. He will perform the ritual he has observed for the last 13 seasons, visiting conductor, soloists, orchestra, broadcasters, wishing them well and knowing many by name. For each of the 60 concerts the pattern will be repeated. This is Ponsonby's last year as Controller - he leaves the BBC in November - though most of next season's Proms have been planned by him. At the age of 58, he had expected to stay at least another year in his office at Yalding House, a few hundred yards from the BBC's Broadcasting House headquarters. "It was a surprise at the time," he admits, lowering his 6ft 6in frame into an armchair. "I hadn't expected to be asked to go a year early."

'Too much of a gent in a world of hustlers'

The official line? "After 13 distinguished years as Controller, Music, it was felt that it would be time for a change." When Ponsonby took over from Sir William Glock in 1972, he found himself thrown in at the deep end, with no kindnesses - and not so much as a stick of furniture in this office. Drummond will find himself far better prepared. For the last five months he has been talking to colleagues, writing reports and perhaps suggesting ways in which the splintered music department might be re-united under his Controliership, having been brutally dismembered three years ago when Ponsonby was robbed of effective control of Radio 3's overall output. The tidal wave which Drummond's arrival is expected to cause throws some light on Robert Ponsonby's own tenure - on the style of his achievement and also on his personality. Ponsonby's urbane manner and quiet wit might be thought ideal for the traditional calm of music broadcasting, but dynamism and sparkle are the overriding qualities now sought in his successor. Many express the view that he has been judged harshly for acting in the only way open to him at a difficult period in BBC history. Some accuse him of "lacking the killer instinct", of being "too much of a gent in a world of braggarts and hustlers". However, his upbringing provided the solid musical base needed for what is arguably the most powerful job of its kind in Europe. At Eton he won all the music prizes, and after two years in the Guards took up an organ scholarship at Trinity College, Oxford, "where I read

English, not being good enough to read music". After Oxford he worked simultaneously for Glyndebourne and for the Edinburgh International Festival, succeeding Ian Hunter as Edinburgh's Artistic Administrator in 1955, when only 29. Five years of battling for money left him exhausted and he resigned from Edinburgh. After spells in the Bahamas and at the Independent Television Authority, he spent two years conducting and running the Scottish National Orchestra - invaluable experience. The offer to take over as Music Controller at the BBC came after eight years in Glasgow. No one was more surprised than Ponsonby: "I had no knowledge of broadcasting and no formal musical training. Yet I was head of a staff which included leading musicians such as Robert Simpson and Hans Keller. Even the secretarial staff had music degrees." Glock had been his own man, "dreaming up programmes beside the river at Marlow", as he puts it. Ponsonby resolved to follow suit, though in the more mundane surroundings of Yalding House. This annoyed his staff in the early days, who had hoped for a more democratic Controller, but Ponsonby soon learned to take advice profitably, as his Prom record over the years confirms. He introduced ethnic music and brass bands, and the Proms ventured outside the Albert Hall to a wider range of venues. National themes - French, Polish and, this year, American - have been a success in recent years. How can Robert Ponsonby's achievement best be summed up? His devotion to new music is indisputable, although the main criticism, mostly voiced by agents and promoters vying for patronage, is that he has not gone far enough. At the same time, his refusal to compromise has kept Britain's musical traditions alive when commercial orchestras are forced to play "concert pops" in order to survive. He has been energetic, too, in bringing lesser-known works by great composers out of the archives to a central place in the repertoire. Mozart's version of *Messiah* tonight is a good example.

Fiona Maddocks



In the shadow of Sir Henry Wood: Robert Ponsonby

HANDING ON THE BATON The Proms started on August 30, 1895, as an impressive scheme for making "serious" music available and attractive to a larger public. The idea was not new. Concerts at which an audience could stroll informally at will had originated in Paris in the 1830s. They were introduced to England by Louis Jullien, a French showman and conductor, soon after. The impresario, Robert Newman, found a backer in Dr George Catcott, and the two chose the unknown 26-year-old Henry Wood to conduct. Until 1940 Wood acted as sole conductor, as well as planning all the programmes. Though the earliest programmes attracted audiences with popular works, Wood introduced Stravinsky, Rachmaninov, Scriabin and Schoenberg, never before performed in this country. Composer nights also became popular. Performances were at the Queen's Hall in Langham Place. The BBC took over in 1927. The Proms moved to the Royal Albert Hall in 1941. Sir Adrian Boult and Basil Cameron took over as conductors after Sir Henry Wood's death in 1944 until Sir Malcolm Sargent began 18 years as Proms conductor in 1948. During the sixties, under Sir William Glock, the Proms repertoire was extended to take in medieval music, chamber music and then complete operas. Television broadcasting of the Proms started in 1947, and since 1966 Radio 3 has transmitted them in stereo. The concerts are estimated to reach 100 million listeners and viewers, in addition to those who attend the performances. Last season the Proms attracted 200,000 people, the highest figure for some years. Anne Whitehouse

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 18: The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres had an audience of The Queen upon his retirement as first Commissioner and Chairman of the Crown Estate Commission.

Memorial services

Memorial service for Lord Segal was held at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, yesterday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. M. D. Ricardo and Miss C. M. Brown The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr David and Lady Barbara Ricardo...

OBITUARY

MR SYDNEY NEWBERY Architectural photographer

Mr Sydney Newbery, MBE, who died on June 12, aged 91, was a notable figure in the small but important field of architectural photography.

MISS GWYNETH McCLEARY

Sir Thomas Padmore writes: Miss Gwyneth McCleary OBE, died on July 8 at the age of 80. Music-lover in Britain, and above all lovers of Handel...

University news

Durham Mr David Grant to be chairman of the university's council; the Hon Mrs D. Eccles and Professor P. L. Kirby to be vice-chancellors.

Sale room

Victoria's etchings sold for £9,180

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent A collection of 24 prints by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert was sold at Christie's yesterday for £9,180.

Luncheons

Lord De Buryeys Lord De Freyne was the host at a luncheon given at the House of Lords yesterday for the young lawyers' division of the American Bar Association.

Service luncheon

Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Cameron) The annual luncheon of the Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Luncheon Club was held at the Cluden House Hotel, Inverness, yesterday.

Receptions

University of Pennsylvania Law School Alumni and friends in Britain of the University of Pennsylvania Law School held a reception on Wednesday in the Reform Club in honour of the Reform Club in States attending the ABA Convention in London.

Service dinners

HMS Drake The annual dinner to commemorate the defeat of the 'Invincible Armada' was held last night in the Wardroom of HMS Drake at Devonport.

Mariages

Mr N. J. Bevan and Miss M. C. Schagen The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, London.

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MR STUART RAY

Roger de Grey, PRA, writes: Stuart Ray died suddenly on July 11 at the age of 68. He will be remembered as a teacher of singular dedication and feeling and as a painter who pursued the magic of ordinariness.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs T. S. Smith was christened Cordelia Victoria at the Temple Church by the Master, Canon Joseph Robinson on Sunday, July 14.

Science report

Seismologists test natural watchdogs

By Andrew Wiseman To predict earthquakes, Soviet scientists are setting up their country's first bio-seismological observatory as part of the Institute of Seismology and Geodynamics of the Academy of Sciences.

Birthdays today

Sir Norman Brain, 78; Mr John Bratby, 57; Sir Raymond Brown, 65; Mr W. Glanville Brown, 78; Mr Cameron Cochrane, 52; Baroness Elles, 64; Major-General D. E. Isles, 61; Mr Louis Kentner, 80; Sir John Mallabar, 85; Sir Stephen Miller, 70; Mr David Money-Coutts, 54; Mr. M. I. Nastase, 39; Sir Frederick O'Brien, 68; Air Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, 50; Rear-Admiral Geoffrey Place, VC, 64.

Latest appointments

Miss Stephanie Simmonds to be senior health co-ordinator in the UN Secretary General's Office for Emergency Relief Operations in Ethiopia.

Parish Clerks' Company

The Parish Clerks' Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr A. H. Green; Upper Warden, Mr W. D. Pattinson; Under Warden, Mr J. A. Proder.

Dulwich College

The Governors of Dulwich College have appointed Mr A. C. F. Verity, Headmaster of Leeds Grammar School, to succeed Mr D. A. Emms as Master of Dulwich College from September 1986.

Latest appointments include:

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The Hon Charles Morrison, MP,

to be chairman of the National Committee for Electoral Reform, in succession to Lord Harlech.

Mr John Grigg to succeed Mr Philip Ziegler as chairman of the committee of the London Library.

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WALL STREET

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Early prices hit by GNP

New York (Agencies) - Prices opened lower in moderate trading yesterday after the Commerce Department said Gross National Product grew a subdued 1.71 per cent in the second quarter.

In a previous estimate of second quarter growth, the department had said GNP grew 3.1 per cent. The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 10.18 on Wednesday, was down 5.04 to 1,352.93 soon after the market opened.

COMMODITIES

A slightly firmer dollar took some of the pressure off the market yesterday, but not all metal fell back. Softs were mixed. Traded in second to rule coffee and cocoa, both of which fell, casting a shadow over the cocoa talks and next week's coffee meeting.

Table of commodity prices including Rubber, Soybean, Coffee, etc. Columns include item name, price, and change.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar was the main focus of attention yesterday as operators awaited the release of the second-quarter GNP figure. The growth of 1.7 per cent, the lowest of the expected range and comparing with a "flash" estimate of 3.1 per cent initially prompted some dollar selling.

Table of foreign exchange rates including Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Dollar Spot Rates, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The market had to cope with another hefty shortage yesterday. This prompted day-to-day money up to 13 1/2-13 3/4 per cent from an initial 13 1/4-12 1/4 per cent in the early stages.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Profit figures bring spark of activity to subdued trading

By Cliff Feltham and Jeremy Warner

Company announcements dominated activity on the stock market yesterday with little else around to fire dealers' imaginations.

Second quarter GNP figures in the United States were worse than generally expected, but they were accompanied by optimistic comments from Federal Reserve Board chairman Mr Paul Volcker, about prospects for the remainder of the year, and the dollar gained slightly in value against the strong pound.

Dealers nevertheless continue to anticipate a cut in the cost of bank borrowings in the near future and gilts were up 1/8 higher at one stage before settling to close a better off on the day. Index-linked stocks were 1/4 lower all day.

It was a busy day for company news. Despite reporting profits which were better than expected, Distillers ended 2p lower at 283p. Gestetner must also have been a little disappointed with the market's reaction to news of troubled interim profits. Its shares closed 1/2p lower at 112p.

BET, with results in line with expectations, fell back 3p to 300p, but Davy Corporation, reporting a 73 per cent leap in profits, responded by rising 11p to 108p. Great Universal Stores "A" shares managed a 3p gain to 805p before the group's afternoon announcement of disappointing full year results, and they closed 15p lower on the day at 784p. TI was a lively market rising 18p to 308p on confirmation of a stake by Evered, up 15p at 225p, and associates.

Woolworth and Dixons were the pace-setters among the stores. Woolworth came within a whisker of its all time high of 432p with a rise to 431p. They later settled at 426p. The notoriously tight market was one likely reason for the jump. The other was talk that Woolworth is looking closely at a mail order house.

Mr John Beckett, the chairman, commented: "we are always looking at possibilities but we have nothing specific in mind."

He obviously thinks the so-called Debenhams factor has helped push up the price. "I think there is a realization around that if certain companies are worth what people are prepared to pay then Woolworth must always be worth a lot more."

Boots also found support with a 4p rise to 196p ahead of next week's annual meeting and nourished by takeover talk. A circular put 3p on Ebsam at 192p. Laurin Milkbank says profits of £10.5 million are likely this year, a 24 per cent gain and well above the sector average.

Commenting on the rise throughout the retail sector yesterday, one analyst said: "People see it as a good defensive area. Spending is strong. The prospect of cheaper mortgages should free more cash - and of course Debenhams as added

cut oil prices by \$1.50 a barrel. Britoil, nervously awaiting next month's sale of the Government's remaining shareholding, shed 2p to 201p. LASMO dropped 3p to 253p and Tricentrol lost 3p to 193p. British Petroleum shares had to cope with the additional announcement of a restructuring of the group's Sohio offshoot in the United States, and its shares shed 8p to 515p.

The building sector found plenty of buyers on hopes of lower interest rates and in-

creased government spending on Britain's infrastructure. Among the contractors, Trafalgar House was up 10p at 368p and AMEC hardened 21p to 278p. Costain closed 10p higher at 232p. Tarmac failed to hold on to early gains and closed unchanged on the day at 336p.

Banks were unsettled by news that BankAmerica, the world's fourth largest bank had recorded a \$338 million (\$239 million) loss in its latest quarter. Midland Bank shed 7p to 387p. Lloyds Bank softened 2p to 402p, and National Westminster dropped 3p to 679p.

Discount houses continued to suffer from Union Discount's announcement that it had incurred a loss in the first half of the year. Union fell another 5p to 673p. Gerrard and National closed 5p lower at 299p and Cater Allen Holdings lost 10p to 473p.

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BET hides its light under a cloud

With the quiet restructuring of British Electric Traction largely completed, the company has been taking its story around the City in recent weeks.

This presentation, and the profits forecast delivered at the time of the initial bid, had left little to the imagination so the rather sluggish reaction to yesterday's preliminary announcement was not surprising.

Pretax profits increased from £55.7 million to £103.5 million, slightly ahead of the forecast, but the performance was boosted by an additional three months' contribution from the introduction of co-terminous year ends at some of the subsidiaries.

For the time being the group must be taken on trust. Clearly it is much better organized than it was two years ago and its next objective will be to demonstrate that the restructuring business can bring genuine earnings growth.

With large acquisitions out of the question, growth must be organic and it may come later rather than sooner. The shares, down 3p at 300p, however, can still be usefully held.

Don't be vague, urges Distillers. Sadly it is not H&M that consumers are vague about so much as whisky itself. Fashionable drinkers do not ask for whisky any more, at home or abroad.

Distillers Company. DCL is vague about how it will tackle this decline. It does not say whether or how it will keep profits moving forward against the market trend.

CAP Group. To bring a computer software systems company to the stock market in its present mood is certainly brave. Problems at

Mico Focus and Sinclair Research have muddled the water. That has not deterred CAP.

GUS. GUS made its normal non-committal statement about keeping the situation under close review, and the "A" shares dropped 15p to 784p.

with traders hoping, as ever, for the enfranchisement of the "A" shares. In the event, they were disappointed.

in due course, the shares should recover. GUS must be the lock-away stock of all time. Its sheer size and dominant position in the mail order sector - it accounts for some two-fifths of all United Kingdom mail order business - means that steady rather than spectacular growth over the medium term is a racing certainty.

The studied comment that profits and earnings in the first quarter are ahead of comparable returns last year provides an optimistic pointer to performance in 1985/86.

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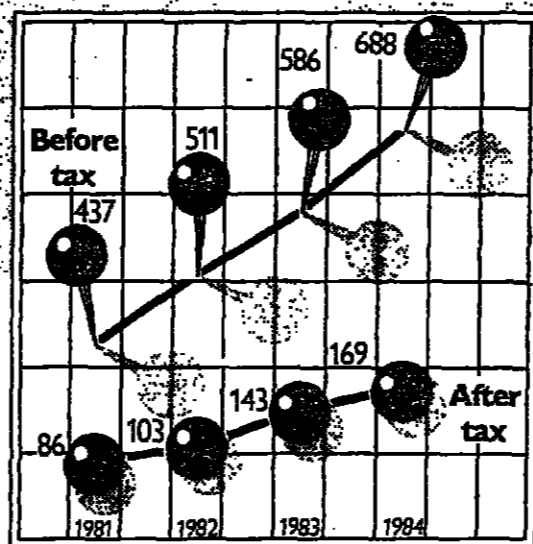
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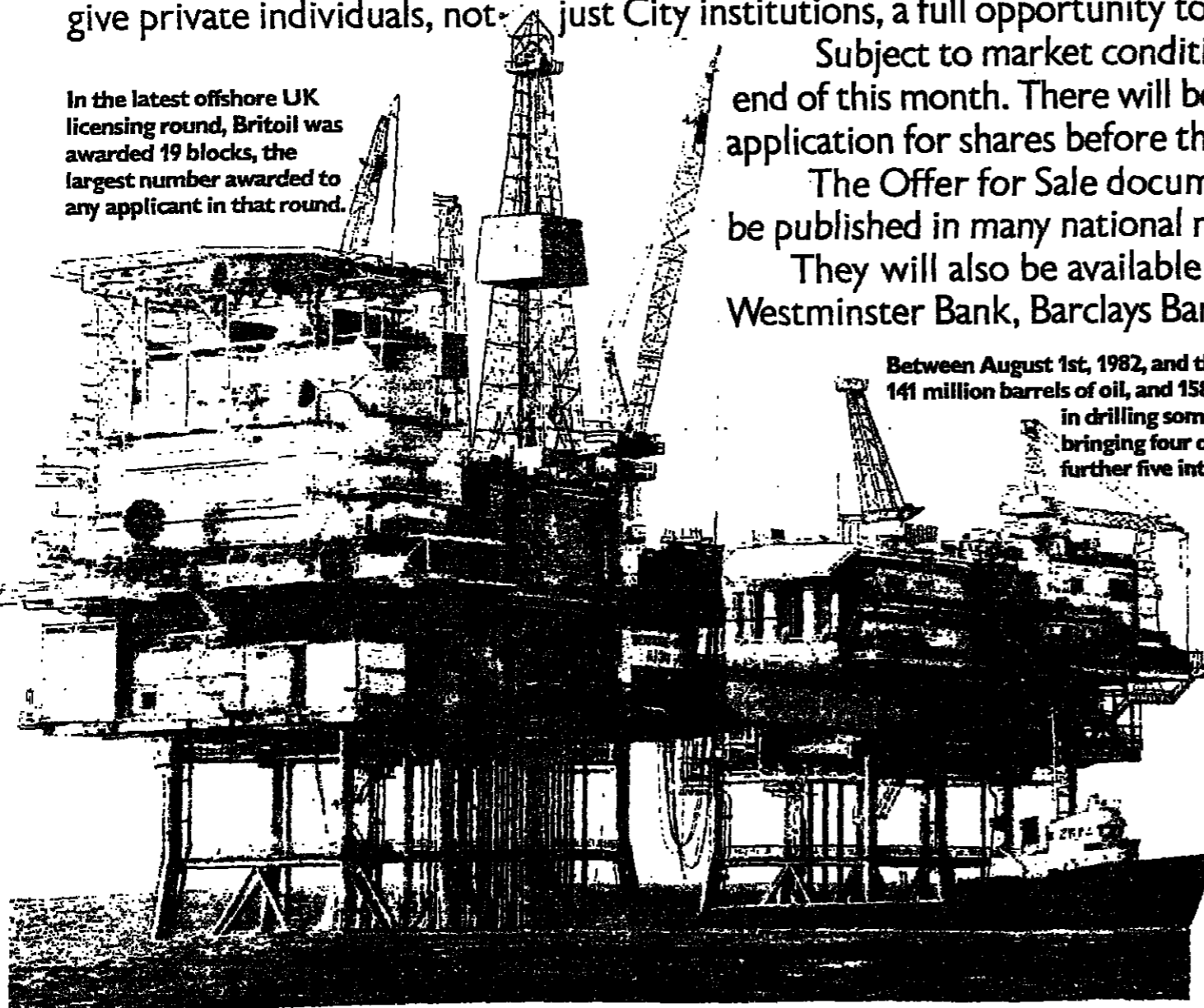
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Red-tape cuts: Will they work?

By Derek Harris
Lobbyists who speak up for small businesses understandably have their reservations about this week's Government White Paper aimed at slashing red-tape burdens.

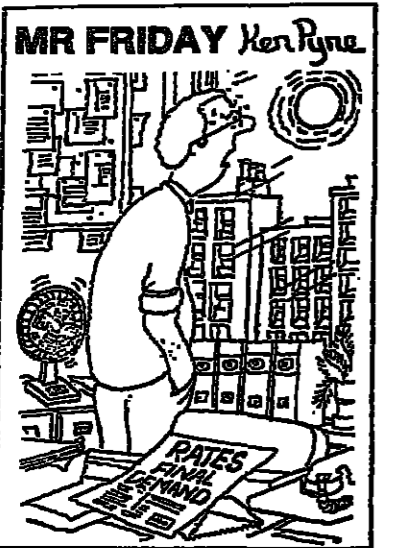
Paper itself listed 80 proposals to cut down regulations.
Michael Grylls, chairman of the Small Business Bureau, said: "The White Paper is a big step forward but will the task force have sufficient teeth? I suspect it will need back-up legislative powers."

Stan Mendham, director of the Forum for Private Business, was prepared to see how the Government efforts worked out. He said: "Preferably there should not be too much in the way of legislative teeth but if it proves not to have the right amount of bite, the task force must be given teeth very quickly."

Sale away to market for a day

That apocryphal route to business success, the street market stall, now has another guide, covering the main London markets. It is just out from the London Enterprise Agency (LEA), which found an enormous variation in the way markets are run, especially in the space availability, costs, methods of hiring and restrictions on types of goods.

is not allocated. Custom can fluctuate radically. There may be resentment from permanent traders.
But costs are low, £12 a day being typical - and some markets demand less than that.



MR FRIDAY Ken Ryne.
'It's days like this that make you want to get away from it all to an enterprise zone'

At Project North East, the Newcastle-upon-Tyne local enterprise agency, managers David Grayson and David Irwin have repeatedly been facing questions on how to come up with a good business idea. Some people, while intent on self-employment, cannot think of the right line of business or else their first idea proves unworkable because so many existing businesses already exploit it.

BIC call for high power advice

Stephen O'Brien: We need more skilled people
An appeal for established companies to second more experienced executives to help local enterprise agencies and similar community efforts to aid small business came this week from Stephen O'Brien, chief executive of BIC in the Community.

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ATHLETICS: BUDD MEETS SLANEY AT CRYSTAL PALACE BUT NOT AT PRESS CONFERENCE

Coe must be 1,500m co-favourite with Cram

By Pat Butcher Sebastian Coe will not underestimate the magnitude of his task this evening should Steve Cram, the world 1,500 metres record holder, decide to race against him in the Peugeot Talbot 1,500 metres at Crystal Palace.

High hopes for a soap opera that could fall flat on its face

"It was the best bit of the whole Olympics," said Eddie, pouring himself a White Shield in the Two Brewers. "The Budd-Decker business. I mean, the two people I hate most in sport... and they fouled it up together."



A lap with a difference: Mrs Slaney and her husband yesterday (Photograph: John Voos)

ability that won her the title "Whiner of the Year" in the United States. Of course, the whole exercise is rather devolved by the absence of Maricica Puica, the Olympic champion, but at least her absence means that no one is going to get confused, and start thinking that the even is all about the fact that soap operas top the ratings.

Hinault holds court as he rests before taking Paris by storm

Bernard Hinault loves to do things his way. Yesterday evening, two hours after he had finished the 22nd on the 19th stage of the Tour de France, Hinault visited the Bordeaux exhibition centre.

MOTOR RACING: PREVIEW OF BRITISH GRAND PRIX

Elusive goal for UK drivers

Michele Alboreto, who leads the world championship table, and Elio de Angelis and Alain Prost, who are lying second, view Sunday's Marlboro British Grand Prix at Silverstone as another stepping stone towards their aim of becoming world champion for the first time.

Jade leaves rivals in novice class

After a convincing win in the fourth race of the One Ton Cup at Poole yesterday, Larry Woodell's Jade is now the overall leader, on points, for the series. She came unscathed through an untidy race over an Olympic course, at the end of which she was the first of 10 boats were flying protest flags.

Wind shift puts record attempt in jeopardy

Mike Whipp and David Allan-Williams's efforts aboard their 60ft trimaran, BGA Paragon, to break the Round Britain and Ireland race record looked to be in jeopardy last night when the wind shifted from its favourable north-easterly to the south-west, changing the 470-mile fourth leg from Lerwick to Lowestoft into an uncomfortable task.

Krickstein uneasy in DC

Aaron Krickstein, who retained his place in the United States Davis Cup team on Wednesday, almost lost his place on the DC National Bank Classic the same night. He just avoided joining the five seeds who have already fallen by beating Jimmy Brown in the second round.

Housing firm go indoors

Sponsorship of the English indoor club championship has passed from hand to hand. After that, McCarthy and Stone, it was announced in London yesterday. They are putting £16,000 into the McCarthy & Stone championship, formerly known as the Deany Cup, including £1,000 for the winners and £11,400 for the travel and hotel expenses of all teams from the quarter-finals onward.

All Blacks will not tour

Wellington (Reuters) - Plans for an overseas tour by New Zealand's All Blacks to replace the cancelled South African visit have been abandoned, Cee Blaney, chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, said yesterday.

Bulgaria bring on their substitutes

Vienna, Austria (AP) - Bulgaria yesterday announced two new first division soccer clubs, Sredets and Vitoshka, to replace ones ordered disbanded by the ruling Communist Party after a chaotic championship match marred by fouls and expulsions.

Bradfield's Shield with record score

Bradfield college won the Ashburton Shield public schools team rifle championship at Bisleigh yesterday for the second time in five years and with a record score of 325. Dundee led at 200 yards with 264, Bradfield, two points behind, pulled level on the 300-yard section to win by two points.

Gracida's grace too much for Tacones

Guy Wildenstein's Les Diablies Blues were assured of their place in the final of the Cowdry Park Gold Cup yesterday when they defeated the Spanish team, Tacones in the last League 1 match of the British Open championship by nine goals to four.

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FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns listing various sports records and events, including Badminton, Gliding, Tennis, World Deaf Games, Golf, Swimming, and Speedway.

FOOTBALL

FA lift penalties on Luton and Millwall

The FA announced yesterday that the order to Luton Town to fence in the whole of their ground has been rescinded...

RACING: NORTHERN DANCER FILLY TO UNDERLINE JUVENILE STRENGTH OF KINGSLERE STABLE

Northern Eternity can follow up

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Having proudly watched Storm Star and Chalk Stream dominate the finish of the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket 10 days ago, Ian Balding puts another of his fine collection of two-year-old fillies to the test at Newbury today...

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Beldale Star earned a tilt at Goodwood's Lanxon Champagne Stakes when leading the odds in the Wren Stakes...

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Stein (left) and Hill: large incentives to stay

The cream on the Cup

Prize-money for the coming season's Milk Cup competition has been increased by £70,000 to £560,000 with £72,000 going to the Wembley club...

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SURREY

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ROWING

Spencer wins badge

Robert Bernard Spencer followed a family tradition yesterday by winning the 271st Doggett's Coat and Badge Race...

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DUNDEE

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IN BRIEF

England fall to solo strike by Haselhurst

Tamworth, New South Wales, brilliant individual goal from inside forward Peter Haselhurst earned Australia a 1-0 victory over England...

HORSE SHOW

Brown crosses border to take first prize

John Brown, one of his regular trips down south from Scotland, yesterday's Everest Double Glazing East of England Grand Championship on the closing day of the East of England show at Farnham...

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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BADMINTON

England's two leading players, Steve Baddeley and Helen Troke, both move up one place to fourth in the new Pre-Open World Grand Prix points table issued yesterday after 10 tournaments in the 18 tournament circuit...

KEMPTON RESULTS

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YARMOUTH

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CORRECTIONS

In the Oxford University Class list for Music Class II (July 17), the name M C Sandham was wrongly spelt.

Legal Appointments

TUESDAY 01-278 9161/5

Entitlement to stock relief

Fraser (Inspector of Taxes) v London Sports Car Centre Ltd. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Nourse. Judgment delivered July 10]

Alfa Romeo cars obtained by a dealer from the distributor for sale on consignment terms formed part of the dealer's trading stock for corporation tax purposes. The Court of Appeal in a reserved judgment dismissed an appeal by the Crown from the judgment of Mr Justice Nicholls (The Times, November 5 1984; [1985] STC 75) who dismissed an appeal from the special commissioners' determination which upheld a claim by the dealer, London Sports Car Centre Ltd, for stock relief under paragraph 9 of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1976 in respect of Alfa Romeo cars obtained on consignment terms.

Additional tax assessment valid

Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC, for the taxpayer company; Mr Christopher McCall for the Crown. MR JUSTICE WALTON said that in January 1976 the taxpayer company was assessed to corporation tax for the accounting period in an estimated amount of £100,000 and in respect of which it put in a notice of appeal. In November 1977 the inspector raised a further assessment for that period of £72,751. In due course the commissioners dismissed the taxpayer company's appeal against both assessments. The present dispute related only to the fact that there were two assessments and what should have been done with them by the commissioners. Mr Thornhill sought to have the original assessment increased to cover the full amount of the profits. If that was done then the interest payable in respect of the tax due would, under section 45 of the Finance (No 2) Act 1975 (substituting a new section 55 of the Taxes Management Act 1970) only be on the amount stated in the original assessment - that was on 52 per cent of £100,000 - and not on the increased amount as determined by the commissioners. He said that the additional assessment was void, the inspector having no jurisdiction to make it under section 55 of the Finance (No 2) Act 1975 and by case law.

Appeal on status is abuse of procedure

Baker and Others v Superite Tools Ltd. Before Mr Justice Peter Gibson, Mr T. Rogers and Mr E. Webb. Judgment delivered July 2]

The Employment Appeal Tribunal refused to hear an appeal in an action where the parties were not in dispute but wanted an authoritative decision on whether the applicants were self-employed, as they believed they were, or whether they were employees, as the Inland Revenue considered them to be. The appeal tribunal held that it was an extraordinary use of the appellate procedure by the applicants, Mr P. F. Clayton and three others, and the company, Superite Tools Ltd, when Parliament had laid down a detailed and specific procedure for determining disputes between a party and either the Revenue or the parties and it was an abuse of a procedure for the resolution of genuine disputes on issues of law. The appeal would be dismissed. Solicitors: Madsen & Stevens, Walsall; Anne R. Fowler, Llandudno.

Date of dismissal

Newham London Borough Council v Ward. The Employment Appeal Tribunal erred in law in holding that an employer did not finally terminate an employee's employment until such time as that employee was supplied with his P45 income tax form. For the purposes of applying the time limit provisions for bringing a claim for unfair dismissal, the date of dismissal of an employee was the effective date of termination.

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Announcements received by the Times...

DEATHS
RYAN-JONES - On 16th July in a
private hospital...

PERSONAL COLUMNS
Trade 01-837 2104 and 01-278 9232 Private 01-837 3333 or 3311
HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS
Last Minute & Advance Bookings
JULY/AUGUST HOLIDAY BARGAINS

FLAT SHARING
WWE 1 male, 1 female (separate)
2 beds 2 share flat with 2nd floor...

LEGAL NOTICES
MCCOY & CO LIMITED
In liquidation
NOTICE is hereby given that the Credit...

RENTALS
Trade 01-837 1804
Private 01-837 3333 or 3311
Britain Pack & Co
ST JAMES HOUSE, 17, a detached house...

PUBLIC NOTICES
HORNHAM MUSIUM, AQUARIUM &
ZOO
Notice of Intention to apply for a 200...

BIRTHS
ADAMS On July 14th at All Saints
Hospital, Chatham, to Mr and Mrs...

IN MEMORIAM
BAILEY, Jonathan James, BSc, BEd
aged 23 years, died on July 18th 1985...

HOLIDAYS THIS WEEK
SPETSES 19/7 £199 CORFU 21/7 £199
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SKI 85/86
BLADON LINES
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OVERSEAS PROPERTY
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DO YOU LIVE IN N.W. LONDON?
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happy birthday to dad, mummy and...

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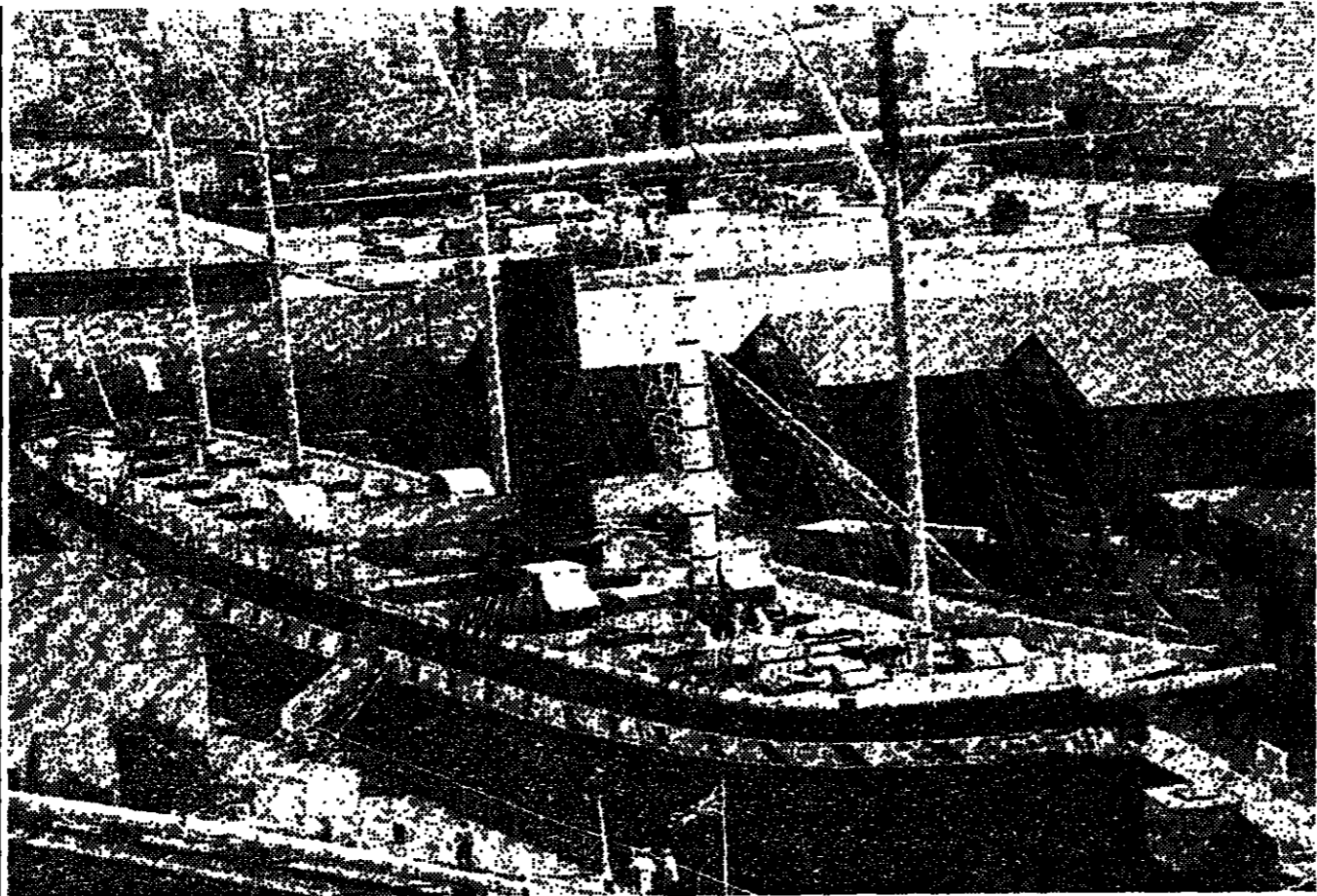
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Doubts on youth training scheme

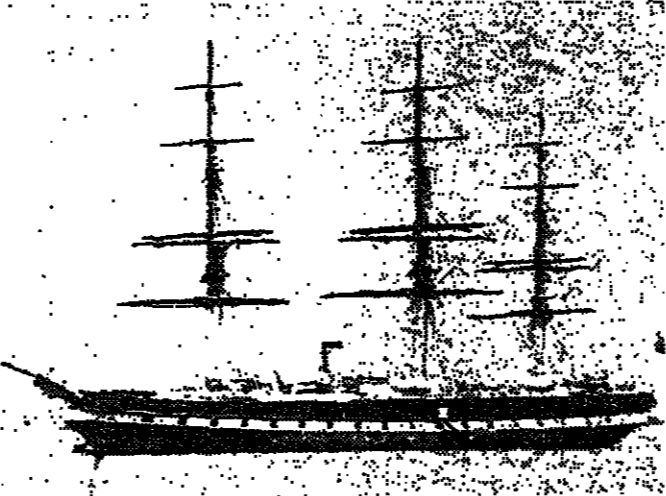
By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent
The effectiveness of the £800 million Youth Training Scheme was questioned in a report from Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, yesterday.



The Great Britain docked and being restored, at Bristol and (below) soon after her launch.

Brunel's great ship gets £1m boost

A sea saga long and bizarre enough to satisfy any ancient mariner goes into a new stanza today with the announcement of a £1 million gift to the SS Great Britain, the revolutionary steamship built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in 1843.



New drugs unit formed

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It will hold its first meeting next Tuesday and will give the Home Secretary periodic briefings on the progress of the war on drugs.

Top Civil Servants get up to 46% rise

Continued from page 1
The new Liberal spokesman on agriculture, Mr Richard Lacey, chose not to attend agricultural question time yesterday.

Linda Christmas in the Commons Absence makes the jibes grow stronger

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Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, re-opens the modernized wing at St Dunstan's Training Establishment, Jan Fraser House, Ovingdean, Brighton, 11.

Opening of the 1985 season of Promenade Concerts, 7.10.

Musical
Chester Music Festival: Concert by the Stuttgart Piano Trio, Town Hall, Chester, 8.

Parsons (organ) and Sheila Lawrence (organ), Fotheringhay Church, near Peterborough, 7.45.

Recital by Edward Huws Jones (viola da gamba) and Graham Treacher (harpsichord), All Saints' Church, North Street, 1.

Food prices

Raspberries, probably the best of all English soft fruit, are now widely available and good value at 25 to 35p a quarter-lb punnet.

Roads

London and South-east: Ring Road, Poplar, and Limehouse Causeway, Limehouse, closed; eastbound traffic on A13 East India Dock Road and Commercial Road, M4.

Weather forecast

A depression to NW of Scotland will fill slowly and drift NE to E of Iceland, maintaining a showery SW airstream over most of Britain.

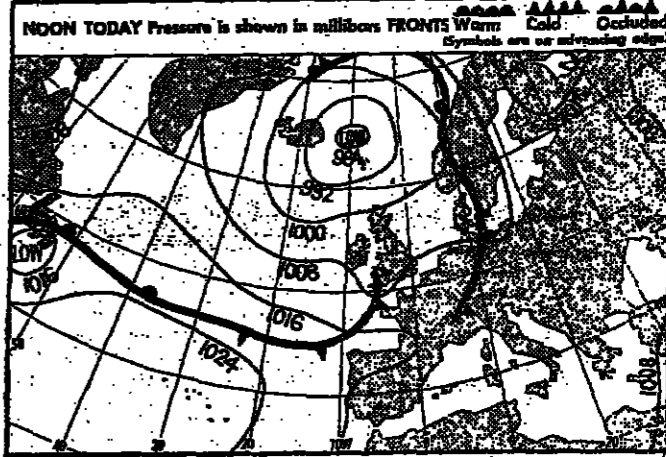


Table with columns for location, sun, rain, and temperature. Includes sections for 'High tides' and 'Around Britain'.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,793

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The grid is 26 squares wide and 16 squares high.

ACROSS
1 Support that could aid constitutional progress (7-5).
8 Leaving nothing uncovered, in general (7).
11 Outstanding work I put into production of 'Oliver' (7).

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order and other (Northern Ireland) Orders.

Anniversaries

Births: John Martin, historical painter, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, 1789; Edgar Degas, Paris, 1834.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including the Dollar, Swiss Franc, and others.

Top films

The top box-office films in London: (1) A View to a Kill, (2) Return to Oz, (3) Witness, (4) Beverly Hills Cop.

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations across the UK.

Yesterday

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various locations on the previous day.

Highest and lowest

Table showing the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in different parts of the UK.

Pollen count

Table showing pollen counts for various types of pollen in different locations.